

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Denham,	O'Brien,
Messrs. Baker,	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Harris,	Reeves,
Broome,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Sams,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Wadsworth,
Grill,	McLin,	Wilson.
Crosby,	Myers,	

Answering roll call—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced that he had appointed Mr. Hooker in place of Mr. Wilson on the committee on the part of the Senate to visit and inspect the convict camps.

Mr. Wilson requested to be relieved on account of sickness.

Mr. Palmer of the 14th stated that Commandant W. W. Flournoy and the Cadets of the Florida Agricultural College through the committee tender thanks to the Senate for the invitation to visit the Capital, and respectfully invite the Senate to attend the Governor's review and inspection at 4 p. m., on Friday next.

The invitation was accepted.

The following communication was read:

Seventh Annual Reunion,
Florida Division, U. C. V.,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The Florida Division United Confederate Veterans, now assembled in annual encampment in this city, beg leave

to tender you, and through you the Senate of the State of Florida, a cordial invitation to join them in front of the Court House on Monroe street this afternoon at 4 o'clock and march in column to the cemetery for the purpose of taking part in the memorial ceremonies of the day.

Very respectfully,

FRED L. ROBERTSON,

Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the invitation be accepted.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLin moved that the committee to examine the office of Comptroller and Treasurer be authorized to employ an additional clerk for use by the Joint Committee.

Which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 144:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the examination of witnesses in all cases in the State of Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 145:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6, of Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county officers.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Chaires:

Senate Bill No. 146:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the method of obtaining permits to sell liquors, wines or beer.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.

House Concurrent Resolution and Memorial No. 50:

House Concurrent Resolution and Memorial to the Congress of the United States, asking for amendments to the Interstate Commerce Commission Law.

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be and they are hereby urgently requested to use their best efforts for the procuring the immediate passage by Congress of such legislation as will effectually prohibit the transportation evils and abuses described in the Annual Report of the Interstate Commerce Commission for the years 1890 to 1898 inclusive and to this end their especial attention and efforts are called to the recommendations for legislation contained in the 10th, 11th and 12th Annual Reports of said Commission.

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial and resolution be furnished by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Was taken up and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Blich moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal and the bills contained therein be read the first time and appropriately referred.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate amendment to—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

For the appointment of a joint committee to examine the books and accounts of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

With the following amendment: House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 be amended by adding the words, "and the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and that said committee be authorized to employ two clerks, who shall be compe-

tent accountants," and as amended that it do pass in lieu of all others on the same subject.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President announced that he had appointed the following committee under House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, as amended:

Messrs. Chaires and Rogers.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Relative to changing contract for printing daily Journal.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7:

Whereas, the New York Public Library, composed of the Astor Library, the Lenox Library and the Tilden Trust, through its director, John S. Billings, has requested this body to furnish to the said New York Public Library such volumes

of the Florida Senate Journals as may be necessary to complete the said Library's files of the said Journals to date, and

Whereas, The Bulletins of the New York Public Library have been forwarded regularly to the Florida State Library; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to furnish the said New York Public Library, free of charge, such volumes of the Florida Senate Journals now in his keeping, as may be necessary to complete the files of said Journals to date, including the Journals, when completed, of the present session of this Senate.

Provided, however, that where the Secretary of State has less than five copies of the Journal of any session of the Legislature, he shall not be required to furnish the Journal of such session.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13:

Relative to furnishing Legislative Journals to Circuit Clerks of State of Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 63:

To be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of the natural or public oyster beds within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, State of Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 63, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1893.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 82:

To be entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer, birds, and other game and to prescribe the time within which they may be hunted, and prescribing a penalty for any violation thereof.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 82, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Game.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 48:

To be entitled an act relating to the importation and sale of vegetable seed in the State of Florida.

Respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 48, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 21:

To be entitled an act to regulate admission to the bar of this State, to create a Board of Legal Examiners and the method of appointment thereof, and to provide for a uniform system of examiners.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 21, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 30:

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of two from the House and one from the Senate be appointed to investigate the lands belonging to the estate of John F. Dunn, deceased, and report how many of the same have been sold to the State of Florida for taxes, and how many to individuals, and at what time the period will expire for redeeming same, and that Treasurer Whitfield be requested to detail a clerk expert in matters of investigating tax sales and tax redemptions, to assist said committee.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and laid over under the rules.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40:

Whereas, The war officials at Washington, D. C., did send a negro paymaster with negro clerks to Jacksonville, Fla.,

for the purpose of paying off the white troops stationed there during the war with Spain, and

Whereas, Such action on the part of Secretary of War Alger was unprecedented, and known to be against the wishes of the troops and the white people of this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we condemn such action as being unwise, unjust and unnecessary.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the United States War Department at Washington, D. C.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 40, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and laid over under the rules.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Barber moved that the reports of committees be spread on the Journal, and the bills therein contained take their proper place on the Calendar.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Game to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act for the propagation and preservation of pheasant and grouse.

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration, and return the same with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

Very respectfully,
FRANK W. SAMs,
Chairman of Committee

And Senate Bill No. 114, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Militia to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 110:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have had said bill under consideration and return the same with the following amendment:

In line 100, of Section 1, after the word "disease" insert the words "received or contracted during such service."

And as thus amended recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMs,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 110, contained in the above report, together with committee amendment, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Bynum, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the county line between the counties of Clay and Putnam.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 72, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Special Committee on Clerical Aid, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Special Committee on Clerical Aid, to whom was referred—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That a joint committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, be appointed to investigate the tax redemption department of the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices, and that they be empowered to employ such clerical aid as they find necessary to make a thorough investigation.

Have examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

We submit a bill covering the subject matter embraced in this resolution in a different form and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And,

Senate Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an investigation of the tax sale certificates and certified lists of land now held by the State of Florida, making a list of the same by counties; also a separate list of those that are defective for any cause; making a summary and requiring a complete permanent record of the same.

Contained in the above report was read the first time by its title and referred to the committee on Finance and Taxation

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17, contained in the above report, was laid over under the rules.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 123:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for additional powers to be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 131:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the recovery of lost timber and lumber, to provide for the appointment of a public custodian of the same, and to prescribe his powers, duties and compensation, approved June 8, 1891, being Chapter 4044, Revised Statutes, Laws of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2169, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, in relation to State Banks, regulating capital stock and par value of shares.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 125:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Chas. W. Smith, W. J. Linhart, and John C. Jeffcott, members of the Florida Naval Militia, for services rendered and expenses incurred during the late war with Spain.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 113:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of life certificates of the first grade to teachers in the public schools of Florida under certain conditions.

Have examined the same and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 123, 131, 107, 125 and 113, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Senators and Representatives for the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg to report that they have examined the same and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The memorial contained in the above report, was ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Senators and Representatives for the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Senators and Representatives for the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg to report that the same has been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and that the same is presented to the Senate for the signature of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

A memorial to the Senators and Representatives for the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

The memorial was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 26, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to whom was referred—

A memorial to the Senators and Representatives for the State of Florida in the Congress of the United States.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Bill No. 57:

A bill to be entitled an act to require in the discretion of the trial court the injured party in litigated personal damages to submit to a physical examination relative to his or her condition before or at the time of trial and the nature and extent of the injuries sued for and to provide for the appointment of examining physicians or experts and the fixing of their compensation and its taxation as a part of the costs of the case.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the pending amendments of the Judiciary Committee.

The following amendment was read:

In Section 2, line 2, strike out the words "the physician or physicians to be named by the defendant," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "a physician to be named by the Court."

Mr. Palmer of 11th, moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

And strike out all of Section 2, after the word "present" in line 4.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

In Section 3, line 1, strike out the words, "Physicians or experts" and insert in lieu thereof, the word "physician."

Mr. Palmer of 11th, moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The following amendment was read:

And amend the title by striking out the words, "of examining physicians or experts and the fixing of their" and insert in lieu thereof the words "by the Court of an examining physician, and the fixing of his."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 57, as amended, was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the sale of tax certificates now held or may hereafter be held by the State of Florida after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Was taken up together with the pending amendment of Mr. Hooker, as follows:

Insert in printed bill, line 20, Section 3, between the words "convey" and "the" the words "confirm, and will warrant and defend against the claims of all persons whomsoever the title to."

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLind offered the following amendment:
Add to Section one the following:

"Provided, however, When the property has materially depreciated in value after said assessment roll has been made off; which fact being made known to the State Treasurer, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County in which the property is located, the value of such property for assessment purposes as recommended by said Board of County Commissioners shall be adopted by the Treasurer as the proper valuation of such property."

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the amendment.
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bynum offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59:

After the word "record" at the end of Section 4, add the following:

"And upon satisfactory proof being filed with the Comptroller, that the lands described in any of the certificates sold under this act were at the time of assessment and sale not subject to taxation or that the taxes were paid on same prior to such sale, or that the title or deed procured thereon has failed because of any irregularity in the assessment or sale of said lands, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer in favor of the owner of such tax certificate or deed procured thereon, for the full amount of money received by the Treasurer for such tax certificate or certificates, with legal interest thereon from date of receiving same, and said Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such warrant or warrants out of the redemption funds of this State.

Mr. Bynum moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out the words "with legal interest thereon" in line twenty.

Mr. Palmer moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment as amended,

Was agreed to.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59, printed bill.

In Section 1, line 1, after the word "Florida" add "or any person or persons."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59, printed bill:

In Section 1, line 2, after the word "Treasurer" add "or any person or persons."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 59, printed bill.

Strike out the words, "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida."

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11:

Be it Resolved by the Senate, That hereafter the reading of messages from the House of Representatives and all committee reports unless otherwise ordered shall be dispensed with and said messages and reports shall be spread upon the Journals.

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the resolution.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up messages from the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 69, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John E. King, ex-Tax Collector of Citrus County, Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 116, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2 and 5 of Chapter 4557, Laws of the State of Florida, entitled, "An act

to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida," approved May 29, 1897.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 43, contained in the above message was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 135:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the construction of bridges for private use by persons or corporations across the Withlacoochee and Wekiva rivers.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 135, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 59:

To be entitled an act in relation to payment of premium of bonds of trustees, et al.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 59, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 76:

To be entitled an act to create a State Bureau of Vital Statistics and a registrar thereof, and requiring reports of births and deaths, and providing a penalty for failure to make such reports.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 76, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 25, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 16:

To be entitled an act to legalize the corporation of the town of Arcadia, Florida.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 16, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Harris moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday 10 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Denham,	O'Brien,
Messrs. Baker,	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Blitch,	Harris,	Roberts,
Broome,	Hendley,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Sams,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Williams,
Crill,	McLin,	Wilson.
Crosby,	Myers,	

Answering roll call— 29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Barber in place of Mr. Hooker on the committee to visit the convict camps.